

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

Paolo Pronesti,  
Plaintiff  
v.  
Department of Family Services, et al.,  
Defendants

**2:15-cv-01994-JAD-PAL**

**Order Adopting Report and  
Recommendation and Dismissing and  
Closing Case**

10 Pro se plaintiff Paolo Pronesti sues the Clark County District Attorney's Office, the Clark  
11 County Department of Child and Family Services (DFS), and a handful of DFS employees to  
12 challenge state-court custody proceedings. Magistrate Judge Peggy Leen granted Pronesti's  
13 application to proceed *in forma pauperis* and screened his complaint, and she recommends that I  
14 dismiss this case with prejudice for lack of jurisdiction. Pronesti objects.<sup>1</sup> Having reviewed  
15 Magistrate Judge Leen's findings and conclusions *de novo*, I agree that this court lacks jurisdiction.  
16 As the magistrate judge explained, federal courts do not have appellate jurisdiction over state courts,<sup>2</sup>  
17 nor over child-custody matters.<sup>3</sup> Because Pronesti's claims constitute a de facto appeal of the family  
18 court's custody determination, I lack jurisdiction over his claims.<sup>4</sup> Accordingly,

19 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED that the magistrate judge's report  
20 and recommendation [ECF No. 2] is ADOPTED, and this case is DISMISSED with prejudice.

<sup>1</sup> ECF No. 4.

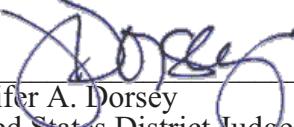
<sup>2</sup> ECF No. 3 (citing *Rooker v. Fid Trust Co.*, 263 U.S. 413 (1923); *D.C. Court of Appeals v. Feldman*, 460 U.S. 462, 482–86 (1983)).

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at 4 (citing *Ankenbrandt v. Richards*, 504 U.S. 689 (1992)).

<sup>4</sup> I note that Pronesti filed a second-amended complaint after the magistrate judge issued her report and recommendation, but it suffers from the same deficiencies.

1 The Clerk of Court is directed to enter judgment for defendants and against Pronesti and  
2 CLOSE THIS CASE.

3 Dated this 13th day of March, 2017.

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6 United States District Judge  
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